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I am quite troubled by the proposed settlement to the Microsoft case. It appears to do little to actually restrain Microsoft's flagrantly anticompetitive and monopolistic practices, nor remedy the damage done to consumers and Microsoft's competitors. Worst of all, it appears to me to offer Microsoft little reason to comply with the already meager punishment the settlement demands.

I hope that the court will consider remedies that have the teeth to get the job done so that the software industry can become a truly competitive environment which routinely births innovative, interesting and useful products without fear of Microsoft "embracing and extending" Windows to shut out the real innovators from their innovations. Already, even in the shadow of the judgement ruling that Microsoft is a monopoly, Microsoft appears to be on verge of forcing its way into control over the Internet media market, effectively killing the innovative products from Real and Apple.

One has to wonder if anyone will bother developing the truly interesting new applications which have driven our economy over the last decade if their efforts will soon be overwhelmed by Microsofts predatory practices. I hope the court will prevent that from happening.

Salon.com's Scott Rosenberg has written an interesting article on the case, in which he proposes that Microsoft be required to release its all of its APIs so that competitors can make functional competing products (see: <http://www.salon.com/tech/col/rose/2002/01/16/competition/index.html>). His argument makes sense to me.

Thank you for your time.

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